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ATTN: National Organic Standards Board
USDA/AMS/T&M/NOP
Room 4008 South Ag Stop 0268
1400 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear NOSB,

We are writing to support the allowance of activated carbon/charcoal as a processing aid in manufacturing of organic white grape juice concentrate. Activated Carbon/Charcoal has been an allowed practice for the past 10 years in the processing of certified organic white grape juice concentrate.

We strongly urge this board to keep this tool available for the future success of the organic grape farmers, manufacturers, and consumers of high quality finished products.

Respectfully,

Jerry Pantaleo
Golden Valley Grape Juice & Wine